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ONE HUNDRED FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

Town of
EASTON
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1980

This Report is Dedicated to

Ion Whitcomb

Town of Easton, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1980

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Robert Gorgone

TOWN CLERK
Virginia Leighton

TREASURER
Margaret Whitcomb

SELECTMEN
Roderick Glover - 1981
Marjorie Libby - 1981
C. Marte Colton - 1983

SUPERVISORS
Helen Soper - 1982
Janice McGrory - 1982
Fontelle Silver - 1984

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Janice McGrory

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Margaret Whitcomb - 1981
Patty Clark - 1982
Ruth Towne - 1983

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Wendell Silver - 1983
Forest Libby - 1981
Ruth Towne - 1982

TAX COLLECTOR
Fontelle Silver

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
Marie Raynor

POLICE OFFICER
Wendell Silver

AUDITOR
Patty Clark

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT
Stanley Sherburn

PLANNING BOARD
Four Year Term
Roderick Glover - 1981 (Ex Officio)
Mike Greenwood - 1981
Kay Colton - 1981
Dennis Ford - 1984
Stanley Sherburn - 1983

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Five Year Term
Ion Whitcomb - 1981
Harold Klumbach - 1982
John Sykes - 1983
Kay Glover - 1984
Dennis Ford - 1985

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: (Town Share $67.49 - State Share $449.91) and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	*450.00
Selectman	*350.00
Selectman	*350.00
Tax Collector	250.00
Town Clerk	225.00
Treasurer	225.00
Auditor	*100.00

* Indicates a raise in salary

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building, officers' salaries and expenses and other necessary Town expenses.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to deactivate the Conservation Commission as adopted by a previous Town Meeting (1977).

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $500.00 for the purpose of joining Twin State Mutual Aid as an associate member.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,464.32 for a concrete slab under the wing section of the Town Hall and new piers and footings. Also for a new roof for the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $169.00 for the North Country Home Health Agency.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $180.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the Littleton Hospital Association.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $450.00 for the Easton-Franconia-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as setoffs against budget appropriations inthe amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Town Dump	$2,043.83

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will approve the following policy: The Selectmen shall not approve the sales of land suitable for residential use to the National Forest Service.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,100.00 to purchase a communication radio for the use of the Fire Superintendent.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Representatives and Senators who represent the Town in the General Court to support in the current session of the Constitution to limit the annual increase in property taxes to five percent and to limit the annual increase in spending by the state or any city, town, or other governmental unit of the state to five percent.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town of Easton will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to the Easton Slow Road Committee for mailing expenses, and unused funds to be returned to the general fund.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to take over the lower portion of Kinsman Ridge Road as a Town Road.

ARTICLE 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Roderick Glover
Marte Colton
Marjorie Libby

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1980 was a busy year for your selectmen. The Tax Map was completed and has proven to be invaluable in locating property lines and as an assessing aid. This year we will make the final payment to O'Donnell.

As we reported last year, land was reassessed to allow a more equitable sharing of the tax burden based on real property values. Homes were assessed upwards. At the same time, however; since home values have been kept up to date, everyone received the same percentage of increase. We will be reviewing any complaints on a per case basis. Anyone concerned with their taxes should be aware that seventy-five percent goes to school and county payments. On March 3rd there will be a school budget meeting. Taxpayers are urged to attend.

The Town Hall received a sprucing up this past summer. Sadly, it has fallen into poor repair and needs a great deal of attention. Our Town Hall is the only public building we have, let's make it one to be proud of.

A series of meetings were had between Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill to discuss various issues of mutual concern. One development arising from these meetings was our acceptance of the emergency telephone service. This service has already been well used by Easton residents.

Clean Up Day once again was a great success. Our thanks to Miriam Wutzdorff who baked goodies and served coffee to the workers, also Peg Whitcomb and Kay Colton for baking. Clean up crew were Floyd Ramsey, Marte Colton, Connie Dyer, Lori Sherburn, Jill Glover, Tad Glover, Russ and Ruth Towne, Mary Ellen Barnes, Marjorie Libby, Bunny Ford and Matthew, Barbara Gordon and kids, Peg Kenney, Joanne, Billy, Bode, Kyla and Bob Wutzdorff. Bob Wutzdorff also supplied garbage bags.

You will note a large increase in Fire Protection this year. This increase reflects a projected contract with Franconia and Sugar Hill. It is obvious that Easton is inexorably approaching the day when it can no longer rely on neighboring towns to provide services. This year we are including a small amount in the budget for Fire Superintendent's expenses. Most of this will be used by a committee formed to research the question of future fire protection.

Easton is growing. Slowly but with an increasing rate we are leaving the familiar bucolic period behind. Higher population, more school children and more homes all contribute to the inevitability of more services and, of course, higher taxes. The problems as yet, are far from critical but now is the time to begin planning for the future.

We would like to extend our thanks to Bob Wutzdorff, who donated the picnic tables at the Town Hall to the citizens of Easton. They have been enjoyed by many.

One final note; Peg Whitcomb is retiring this year after many, many years of diligent service to Easton as Treasurer. Our grateful thanks and best wishes go to Peg; we will miss her help.

Selectmen of Easton

Roderick K. Glover
C. Marte Colton
Marjorie Libby

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — REVENUE

Estimates of Receipts for the ensuing year, January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981, compared with the actual Receipts for the past year, January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1980	ACTUAL 1980	ESTIMATED 1981
Local Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	$ 1,020.00	$ 1,070.00	$ 1,100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.80	.70	
Yield Taxes	1,137.74	2,481.45	1,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	69.91	68.35	
Resident Tax Penalties	7.00	6.00	
Inventory Penalties		150.95	
Tax Sales Redeemed		54.14	
State:			
Meals & Room Tax	1,065.56	1,065.56	1,000.00
Interest & Dividend Tax	590.00	590.37	590.00
Savings Bank Tax	126.72	126.71	126.00
Highway Subsidy	1,446.00	1,448.59	1,200.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	4,837.04	4,539.79	4,500.00
Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires	45.75	24.16	
Business Profits Tax		1,714.58	1,500.00
Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	4,500.00	4,655.00	4,600.00
Dog Licenses	150.00	150.00	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	5.00	26.00	25.00
Interest on Deposits	620.37	786.64	800.00
Income from Departments			10.00
Town Maps Sold	1.50	3.00	
Surplus		27,000.00	
Town Histories Sold	1.00	66.55	
U.S. Entitlements Land	1,152.00	1,294.00	1,200.00
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:			
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,147.61	1,147.61	2,043.83
Total Revenues & Credits	$17,926.00	$52,477.33	$19,831.47

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — EXPENDITURES

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year, January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATED 1980	ACTUAL 1980	ESTIMATED 1981
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,775.00	$ 1,703.78	$ 1,960.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,200.00	1,279.96	2,500.00
Election & Registration	1,000.00	1,430.00	1,000.00
Town Hall Expenses	2,200.00	2,238.34	2,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Tax Map	1,600.00	3,390.00	1,800.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	600.00	492.75	600.00
Fire Department	3,500.00	3,122.99	6,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,425.00	1,600.00
Excess Indemnity Ins. per Article 18	1,932.00	1,859.46	
Join Mutual Aid			500.00
Health Department:			
Health Officer	10.00	20.00	50.00
Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00	3,560.30	4,200.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Road Aid	57.72	57.72	67.49
General Expenses	8,000.00	9,485.22	8,000.00
Resurface Roads per Article 8B	3,000.00	2,290.25	
Libraries:			
Library	300.00	300.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
White Mtns. Mental Health	185.00	185.00	
N. Country Home Health Agency	276.00	276.00	169.00
N. Country Council	165.00	165.00	180.00
Recreation:			
Franconia Recreation Program per Article 15	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Public Services:			
Cemeteries	400.00	247.79	400.00

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Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses	500.00		
Littleton Hospital Association per Article 13	600.00	600.00	600.00
Chamber of Commerce per Article 14	450.00	450.00	450.00
Debt Service:			
Interest on Loans	100.00	124.30	300.00
Capital Outlay:			
Town Hall-Error in calc. per Article 7	600.00		
Painting Town Hall per Article 7	2,200.00	2,258.68	
Rezoning Heat Town Hall per Article 7	400.00	392.00	
Office Equipment	400.00	346.64	
Town Hall			4,464.32
Communications Radio			1,100.00
Total	$39,000.72	$38,701.73	$41,490.81

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Title of Appropriation	Public Utilities	Real Estate	Timber
Land			$2,327,334.00
Buildings		$3,396,949.00	
Electric	$159,800.00		
Mature Wood			1,800.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes		1,500.00	

TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED $5,887,383.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED $5,887,383.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Purpose of Appropriation	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,775.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,000.00
Town Hall and other buildings Expenses	2,200.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00
Tax Map	1,600.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
Police Department	600.00
Fire Dept. and Forest Fires	3,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Excess Indemnity Insurance (Article 18)	1,932.00
HEALTH	
Health Department	10.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	4,000.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	
Town Road Aid	57.72
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	8,000.00
Resurface Roads (Article 8B)	3,000.00
LIBRARIES	
Library	300.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	
Town Poor	50.00
White Mtn. Mental Health Center (Article 11)	185.00
No. Country Home Health Agency (Article 10)	276.00
No. Country Council (Article 12)	165.00
RECREATION	
Franconia Recreation Program	500.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES	
Cemeteries	400.00

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UNCLASSIFIED

Damages and Legal Expenses	500.00
Littleton Hospital Association (Article 13)	600.00
Chamber of Commerce (Article 14)	450.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Town Hall	600.00
Painting Town Hall	2,200.00
Rezoning Heat in Town Hall	400.00
Office Equipment	400.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$38,901.00

Sources of Revenue

LOCAL TAXES

Resident Taxes	$ 1,020.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.80
Yield Taxes	1,137.74
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	69.91
Resident Tax Penalties	7.00

STATE TAXES

Meals & Room Tax	1,065.56
Interest & Dividend Tax	590.00
Savings Bank Tax	126.72
Highway Subsidy	1,446.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	4,837.04
Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires	45.75

LOCAL SOURCES

Motor Vehicle Permits	4,500.00
Dog Licenses	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	5.00
Interest Received on Deposits	620.37
Surplus	2,700.00
Town Maps Sold	1.50
Town Report Sold	1.00
U.S. Entitlement Lands	1,152.00

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE

Revenue Sharing Funds	1,147.61
Total Revenue & Credits	$44,927.00

Total Town Appropriations	38,901.00
Total Revenue & Credits	44,927.00
Net Town Appropriations	(6,026.00)
Net School Appropriations	55,189.00
County Tax Assessments	10,758.00
TOTAL of Town, School & County	59,923.00
DEDUCT total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	1,715.00
ADD War Service Credits	650.00
ADD Overlay	1,195.00
Property Taxes to be Raised	60,051.00

Tax Rate - (Per $100.00 of Valuation)

Town	- $ .08
County	.18
School	.92
	$1.02

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1980

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,775.00	$ 1,703.78	$ 71.22	$
Town Officers' Expenses	2,200.00	1,279.96	920.04	
Election & Registration	1,000.00	1,430.00		430.00
Town Hall	2,200.00	2,238.34		38.34
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	500.00		
Tax Map	1,600.00	3,390.00		1,790.00
Police Department	600.00	492.75	107.25	
Fire Department	3,500.00	3,122.99	377.01	
Insurance	1,500.00	1,425.00	75.00	
Excess Indemnity Insurance	1,932.00	1,859.46	72.54	
Health Department	10.00	20.00		10.00
Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00	3,560.30	439.70	
Town Maintenance:				
Town Road Aid	57.72	57.72		
General Expense of Highway Dept.	8,000.00	9,485.22		1,485.22
Resurface Roads	3,000.00	2,290.25	709.75	
Libraries	300.00	300.00		
Town Poor	500.00		500.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	185.00	185.00		
No. Country Home Health Agency	276.00	276.00		
North Country Council	165.00	165.00		
Franconia Recreation Program	500.00	500.00		
Cemeteries	400.00	247.79	152.21	
Damages & Legal Expenses	500.00		500.00	
Littleton Hospital Association	600.00	600.00		
Chamber of Commerce	450.00	450.00		
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00	124.30		24.30
Painting Town Hall	2,200.00	2,258.68		58.68
Rezoning Heat Town Hall	400.00	392.00	8.00	
Office Equipment	400.00	346.64	53.36	
TOTALS	$38,850.72	$38,701.18	$ 3,986.08	$ 3,836.54
			3,836.54	
Net Unexpended Balance			$ 149.63	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	$ -0-
Capital Reserve Funds	2,721.71
Accounts Due	5,430.18
Total Assets	$ 8,151.89

LIABILITIES

Bills Outstanding	$ -0-
Tax Map	1,600.00
Assessing	600.00
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations	61.36
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund	2,043.83
Total	$ 4,305.19
Minus Total Assets	8,151.18
Current Surplus	$ 3,845.99

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$85,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department Equipment	1,000.00
Total	$91,000.00

LITTLETON SAVINGS BANK

1980 Savings Account

Account Funds	Balance 1/1/80	Interest 1980	Deposits 1980	With-drawals 1980	Balance 1/1/81
Kitchen	$1,124.71	$ 41.84	$	$1,166.55	
Revenue Shares	1,147.61	111.83	$1,932.00	1,147.61	$2,043.83
Totals	$2,272.32	$153.67	$1,932.00	$2,314.16	$2,043.83

Capital Reserve Funds

Principal $600.00	
Balance 1/1/80	$1,852.90
Interest 1980	268.81
Balance 1/1/81	$2,121.71

Total Interest on all Accounts - $632.99

Margaret T. Whitcomb
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS REPORT

Available Funds, January 1, 1980	$ 1,147.61
Added Revenue	
Entitlement Payments	1,932.00
Interest	111.83
Total Available Funds	$ 3,191.44
Less Expenditures	
General Maintenance	1,147.61
Less Appropriations	-0-
Total Funds Available - December 31, 1980	$ 2,043.83

Patricia Clark
Auditor
January 24, 1981

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1980 Auto Permits - 158	$ 4,655.00
1980 Dog Licenses - 30	150.50
Town Maps Sold - 2	3.00
Town History - 3	12.00
Filing Fees - 5	5.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 4,825.50

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton
Town Clerk

TAX MAP

Total Amount to be appropriated		$ 6,200.00
1978-Town Meeting	$ 1,500.00	
1979-Town Meeting	1,500.00	
1980-Town Meeting	1,600.00	
	$ 4,600.00	
1981-Town Meeting-balance to be appropriated	1,600.00	
	$ 6,200.00	
Expenditures:		
1978-None		
1979-to John E. O'Donnell & Associates	$ 1,210.00	
1980-to John E. O'Donnell & Associates	3,390.00	
	$ 4,600.00	
1981-Balance Due	$ 1,600.00	

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 1980 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$59,438.68	
Resident Taxes	1,020.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	.70	
Total Warrants		$60,459.38
Yield Taxes		1,437.45
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	716.04	
Resident Taxes	130.00	846.04
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		2.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Yield Taxes		4.00
Total Debits		$62,748.87

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$54,751.72	
Resident Taxes	1,010.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	.70	
Yield Taxes	1,437.45	
Interest Collected	2.00	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	4.00	$57,205.87
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	92.82	
Resident Taxes	20.00	112.82
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1980:		
(As per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	5,310.18	
Resident Taxes	120.00	5,430.18
Total Credits		$62,748.87

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1980

Property Taxes:	
Aiken, Mrs. Fernald Jr.	$ 15.30
Bailey, William & Lillian	82.62
Barton, David W. Jr.	666.06
Bendtzen, Robert & Margaret	111.18
Brooks, Ralph & Esther	61.20
Fox, James & Monica	300.00
Freeland, William T.	433.46
Glover, Roger W.	827.22
Sgrulloni, Barbara	175.44
*Haberman, Richard & Carol	87.72
Johnson, Richard A.	600.78
Kendal, Frederick	110.16
Gospardek, Francis & Mary	123.42
Moyer, Benton III	150.96
Pedicini, Daniel	42.84
Place, Vincent	125.44
Putnam, Dorothy	905.76
Raynor, Marie & Craig	364.14
Shierman, Arthur & Madeline	30.60
Young, Madaline	50.49
Morris, Alice Z.	45.39
	$ 5,310.18
Resident Taxes:	
Borodine, Marney	$ 10.00
Kenney, Michael	10.00
Kenney, Peter	10.00
King, Ruth	10.00
King, Chester	10.00
Wooster, Winn	10.00
Wooster, Susan	10.00
White, Lee	10.00
Stith, Susan	10.00
Loderhose, Jane	10.00
Place, John	10.00
Place, Raymond	10.00
	$ 120.00

* Paid after December 31, 1980

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1980, on account of tax levy of 1980, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levy of 1979 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1980:		
Property Taxes	$ 4,376.54	
Resident Taxes	80.00	$ 4,456.54
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		74.89
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		6.00
Total Debits		$ 4,537.43

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1980:		
Property Taxes	$ 4,376.54	
Resident Taxes	60.00	
Interest Collected During Year	74.89	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	6.00	$ 4,517.43
Abatements Made During Year:		
Resident Taxes		20.00
Total Credits		$ 4,537.43

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNT

DEBITS

Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	$ 39.89
Interest Collected After Sale	.71
Redemption Costs	5.00
Total Debits	$ 45.60

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:	
Redemptions	$ 39.89
Interest & Costs After Sale	5.71
Total Credits	$ 45.60

1980 YIELD TAX ACCOUNT

Jan. 1980-from Luther Crowe-2 Intent to Cut deposits	$ 447.00
	597.00
	$ 1,044.00
July-Ecological Enterprises, Inc.-Account '79	$ 650.00
Warrant for Tax Collector-collect from account	200.00
Balance in Account	$ 450.00
August-Warrant for Tax Collector-Crowe Account	$ 129.45
Interest-payment overdue	2.00
	$ 131.45
Balance in Account $912.55	
December-Norman Williams-Intent to cut	
Warrant to Tax Collector	$ 64.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1980	$47,893.27
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	61,768.90
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	4,825.50
Selectmen of Easton - 4 gun permits	14.00
2 building permits	7.00
Miscellaneous:	
Town Histories sold - 3 by Town Clerk-$12.00 (in Clerk's report) 14 by Centennial Committee reps.	54.50
Sale of used Bridge Steel to Stuart McKenzie	100.00
Kinsman Valley Club - payment for Kitchen fan	165.54
Intent to cut Bonds-filed with Selectmen: Luther Crowe	1,044.00
Credit: Missing Check	192.95
Balance of Kitchen Funds & Interest - Account closed, deposited in General Fund	1,166.55
1979 Revenue Shares deposited in General Fund for Solid Waste Expenses	1,147.61
Lafayette National Bank Loan - in anticipation of taxes	10,000.00
State of New Hampshire	
Bank Tax	126.71
Business Profits Tax	1,714.58
Interest & Dividends	590.37
Highway Subsidy	1,448.59
Meals & Rooms	1,065.56
National Forest Lands - 1979 & 1980	9,333.11
Reimbursement of ½ Forest Fire bill	24.16
United States Treasury:	
U.S. Entitlement Lands	1,294.00
Total Receipts to Checking Account	$143,976.90
Paid on Account of 1980 Selectmen's Orders	110,339.87
Checking Account Balance January 1, 1981	$ 33,637.03

Margaret T. Whitcomb
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector	
Property Taxes	$54,751.72
Inventory Penalties	150.95
Resident Taxes	1,060.00
Resident Tax Penalties	10.00
Yield Tax	1,437.45
Yield Tax Bonds	1,044.00
Tax Sales	39.89
Tax Sales Exps.	19.96
Bank Stocks	.40
Interest	62.64
Total	$58,557.05
Income From State	
National Forest	$ 9,357.27
Highway Subsidy	1,396.59
Bank Stock Tax	156.71
Business Profits Tax	1,714.58
Interest & Dividends Tax	590.37
Rooms & Meals Tax	1,065.56
Total	$14,281.08
Income From Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$ 4,655.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Dog Licenses	150.50
Town Maps	3.00
Total	$ 4,813.50
Federal Entitlement Lands	$ 1,294.00
Revenue Sharing Fund	$ 1,147.61
Temporary Loans	$10,000.00
Income From Misc. Sources	
Pistol Permits	$ 18.00
Town Histories	62.50
Audit (Uncashed checks)	192.95
Sale of Bridge Steel	100.00
Reimbursement for Kitchen Fan (Kinsman Club)	165.54
Close out Kitchen Fund	1,166.55
Building Permits	7.00
Interest from Trust Funds	632.99
Total	$ 2,345.53

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	
Robert Glover II	$ 228.78
Roderick K. Glover	400.00
C. Marte Colton	300.00
Fontelle Silver	250.00
Virginia Leighton	225.00
Margaret Whitcomb	225.00
Patricia Clark	75.00
Total	$ 1,703.78
Town Officers' Expenses	
Postmaster	$ 97.20
Littleton Office Supply	51.31
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc.	18.11
Society for Protection of N.H. Forests	1.00
Equity Publishing Co.	16.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc., dues	27.00
Robert Glover II	11.20
C. Marte Colton	21.40
Courier Printing Co.	14.70
Connie Dyer	92.15
Dept. of Revenue Admin.	10.76
Harrison Publishing House, Inc.	782.75
Treasurer, State of N.H.	311.95
Branham Publishing Co.	19.35
Lori Sherburn	80.70
Virginia Leighton	180.25
Margaret Whitcomb	22.50
Fontelle Silver	111.63
Total	$ 1,869.96
Election and Registration	
Courier Printing Co.	$ 14.70
C. Marte Colton	12.65
Janice McGoary	49.60
Connie Dyer	18.60
Barbara Gordon	31.00
Kay Glover	77.50
Helen Soper	127.10
Thelma Hubbard	83.70
Peg Whitcomb	83.70
Lori Sherburn	62.00
Robert Gorgone	93.00
Kay Colton	16.00
Fontelle Silver	155.00
Wendell Silver	16.00
Total	$ 840.55

Town Hall Expenses	
Wetherbee Oil Co.	$ 1,112.65
N.E. Telephone	253.77
Public Service Co. of N.H.	338.56
Franconia Gas Co.	51.65
J.C. Plumbing, Heating & Electrical	53.70
Franconia Hardware	61.22
Wendell Silver	366.79
Total	$ 2,238.34
Police Department	
Fisherman's Comm. Service	$ 19.00
Wendell Silver	492.75
Total	$ 511.75
Fire Department	
Town of Franconia	$ 2,333.25
Durand Cooley	122.99
Town of Sugar Hill	666.75
Total	$ 3,122.99
Insurance	
Franconia Insurance Agency	$ 73.00
N.H. Insurance Co.	209.00
Hadlock Agency	2,755.46
Hunkins & Eaton	247.00
Total	$ 3,284.46
Health Department	
Durand Cooley	$ 20.00
Town Dump	
Town of Franconia	$ 3,560.30
Town Roads	
Summer Maintenance	
Ulric Norris	$ 600.00
Robert Peckett III	5,692.69
Tetreault Salvage	39.71
Twin Mt. Sand & Gravel	694.18
Bill Cushing	276.00
N.H. Bituminous	1,510.25
Total	$ 7,533.02

Winter Maintenance	
Robert Peckett III	$ 4,001.65
International Salt Co.	215.80
Lincoln Sign Co.	81.00
Total	$ 4,298.45
Town Road Aid	
Dept. of Public Works	$ 57.72
Library	
Easton Library	$ 300.00
Patriotic Purposes	
E.G. Washburn	$ 19.43
Recreation	
Franconia Recreation Dept.	$ 500.00
Cemeteries	
Wendell Silver	$ 247.79
Advertising and Regional Associations	
North Country Council	$ 165.00
North Country Home Health Agency	276.00
White Mountain Mental Health Center	185.00
Littleton Hospital Association	600.00
Easton - Franconia - Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	450.00
Courier Printing Co.	100.62
N.H. Town Clerks Association	19.00
N.H. Assessing Association	20.00
Total	$ 1,815.62
Taxes Bought by Town	
Fontelle Silver (Tax Collector)	$ 39.89
Special Appropriations	
John E. O'Donnell	$ 3,390.00
Sears Roebuck (Office Equipment)	185.78
R.D. Emmonds (Rezone Heating System)	392.00
Craig Raynor (Paint Hall)	2,258.68
Franconia Hardware (Install Dishwasher)	37.92
Eastern Bakers Supply (Dishwasher)	1,200.00
Littleton Office Supply (Office Equipment)	91.86
Sugar Hill Furniture (Office Equipment)	69.00
Yield Taxes	
Fontelle Silver	$ 1,044.00

Reassessment	
Maynard White	$ 500.00
Temporary Loans	
Lafayette National Bank	$10,124.30
Grafton County	
A.F. Stiegler, County Treasurer	$10,758.00
State Of New Hampshire	
Treasurer State of N.H. (Bond & Debt-Final Payment)	$ 461.97
Schools	
Profile School District	$21,391.43
Lafayette School District	25,005.53
Total	$46,396.96

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
DIAL 8123

Last November a new service went into effect for the Town of Easton, an easy to remember four digit number 8123 will be the sole number to be used to report FIRE - POLICE - EMS (ambulance). This is a 24 hour answering service capable of dispatching the emergency units to your location in a matter of minutes.

With the energy crisis, the use of wood as an alternative source of heat has increased the danger of fire for the homeowner. With the increased use of wood stoves and the many problems associated with them the Town of Easton has implemented an inspection program for the installation of wood stoves and chimneys. It's the hope of this program to prevent problems that come with the use of wood stoves and chimneys.

In 1980 there were a few minor problems that were easily taken care of with no major damage.

Once again I hope you have a fire safe year for both yourselves and families.

If you have any questions or problems please don't hesitate to call me at 823-5649.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Sherburn
Fire Superintendent

EASTON FIRE REGULATIONS

Approved by the Selectmen by unanimous vote on May 19, 1980

REFERENCE: RSA 154

ORGANIZATION

I. The Selectmen shall appoint a chief fireward, henceforth, to be known as Fire Superintendent.

II. The Fire Superintendent shall have the authority and duties proscribed by the Statutes of New Hampshire. Such authority may be modified by town regulations when such limitations are considered to be in the interest of the town.

III. The Fire Superintendent shall make every effort to carry out his duties and shall make periodic reports to the Selectmen.

IV. The Fire Superintendent shall be responsible for enforcement of EASTON FIRE REGULATIONS.

V. Fire regulations for Easton are intended to be consistent with accepted safety standards. If a town regulation conflicts with a state safety standard, such state regulation shall take precedent.

VI. Violators of fire regulations shall be subject to fines as provided by New Hampshire Statutes.

REGULATIONS

I. Oil burners and oil or fuel storage require a permit signed by the Fire Superintendent before such equipment is used.

II. Wood burning or other solid fuel heating equipment shall require a permit to operate. Reinspection shall be required every two years.

IIa. Failure to obtain a reinspection of heating equipment within 30 days of due date, shall render original permit invalid.

III. New chimneys shall be inspected and approved before use.

IV. Public buildings and places of business shall be inspected each year for hazardous conditions.

IVa. Recommendations shall be made by the Fire Superintendent and copies sent to property owners, selectmen and retained for future reference.

Roderick K. Glover
Robert Glover II
C. Marte Colton

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

for the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Amt. of Principal	Rate Interest	Balance Income 1/1/80	Interest 1980	Expended 1980	Balance of Income 12/31/80
1916	R.W. Young	$ 100.00	6-3/4%	$ 21.94	$ 8.67	$ 8.52	$ 22.09
1922	Peter Kinsman & Bernsley Edwards	100.00	6-3/4%	33.49	9.50	9.36	33.63
1937	Orin G. Bowles	200.00	6-3/4%	157.43	25.42	25.17	157.68
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00	6-3/4%	48.99	11.60	11.45	49.14
1949	Charles A. Young	200.00	6-3/4%	55.93	25.29	21.86	59.36
1979	Charles A. Young	100.00					
1954	Florence Pease	200.00	6-3/4%	103.88	21.59	21.43	104.04
1966	Whitcomb Tabbutt	200.00	6-3/4%	55.38	27.89	17.96	65.31
1970	Edson M. & Harriet Bailey	100.00	6-3/4%	20.12	8.54	8.40	20.26
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	200.00	6-3/4%	29.25	25.05	16.09	38.21
1970	Leighton & Doolan	71.25	6-3/4%	31.52	7.31	7.14	31.69
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	100.00	6-3/4%	18.37	12.89	8.29	22.97
1971	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	100.00	6-3/4%	17.66	8.36	8.25	17.77
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	50.00	6-3/4%	12.43	4.43	4.33	12.53
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	100.00	6-3/4%	17.50	8.36	8.24	17.62
1973	L. Gerard Paine	750.00	6-1/2%	76.49	90.64	55.91	111.22
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00	6-3/4%	17.86	8.38	8.19	18.05
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00	6-3/4%	12.51	8.00	7.84	12.67
1979	Wm. J. & Lillian Bailey	200.00	6-3/4%	12.66	15.10	12.66	15.10
1979	Merton Edney	100.00	6-3/4%	4.93	7.48	4.93	7.48
1979	Clayton M. & Sadie Glover	200.00	10.40%		22.39	1.64	22.39
1980	Margaret Wolff	100.00	10.75%		7.29		7.29
	All of the above Trust Funds are for Cemetery Care.						
1945 & 1946	Town of Easton, Capital Reserve Fund	600.00	6-1/2%	1,852.90	268.81		2,121.71
		$3,985.25		$2,602.88	$632.99	$267.66	$2,968.21

All Trusts are invested in the Littleton Savings Bank.

TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1980

All of the Trust Funds are invested in the Littleton Savings Bank and only the interest may be used from the Cemetery Trust Funds for the care of the Cemetery. There are 21 Cemetery Trust Funds, all invested in 2½ year certificates, which draw more interest than the regular savings accounts. One new Trust Fund was added in 1980.

The 22nd Trust Fund is the Capital Reserve Fund, also in a 2½ year certifcate. This was started in 1945, with $300.00 appropriated at Town Meeting, and with $300.00 more appropriated in 1946. It has been steadily gathering interest, until at the end of 1980 there is a total of $2,121.71, plus the $600.00 principal, a grand total of $2,721.71. This fund can be used, if needed, by an article in the Town Meeting Warrant on a vote of the Town. Since it is a 2½ year certificate, if it is drawn before the certificate matures, the penalities would be severe through loss of interest.

Marie Raynor
Trustee of Trust Funds

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1980. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Patricia Clark
Auditor

1980 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1980	$150.95
Town Appropriation	300.00
Total Receipts	$450.95

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	$150.00
Tape for Library use	.39
Total Expenditures	$150.39
Balance on hand January 1, 1981	$300.56

Trustees of Easton Free Public Library

Ruth W. Towne
Margaret T. Whitcomb
Patricia A. Clark

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1980

The Bookmobile made 3 visits to Easton in 1980. 431 books were borrowed; 214 fiction, 163 non-fiction, and 54 youth and juvenile.

There were 10 books donated to the Library in 1980, also a number of paperbacks. The Common Law - a book given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pancoast, former residents of Easton, was given in memory of Charles A. Young, II, son of Mrs. Helen Young, also a former resident. Mrs. Patricia Coogan gave some books.

Number of visitors	101
Number of readers	21
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	242
Adult non-fiction	268
Juvenile fiction	33
Juvenile non-fiction	10
Total	553
Paperbacks, magazines, etc	10
Total circulation	563

As usual the library is open from 2-4 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

During the past year we received four applications for new construction and eleven applications for remodeling. All were approved.

The big news this year is the establishing of a fee schedule for building permits.

For construction under $1,000.00 - fee is $2.00
For construction from $1,000.00 to $25,000.00 - fee is $5.00
For construction over $25,000.00 - fee is $10.00

We would also like to bring to your attention the new fire prevention regulations which appear with the Fire Superintendent's Report.

People have cooperated well with our zoning regulations and our only recommendation is for people to come in and discuss their plans before progressing too far with a project.

Submitted by,

Roderick K. Glover
Building Inspector for the Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Development pressures were reduced significantly during 1980 due to record interest rates. The subdivisions that the Board was asked to review were primarily the result of estates being settled or divisions of land among family members. Only one of these proposals did not conform to the Zoning Ordinance and had to be refused.

The Board has been working on a set of Subdivision Regulations that we feel will fit the needs of the Town of Easton. We have tried to keep them simple and yet to provide for orderly growth and development. The most important aspect of these regulations is that they will enable the Board to make decisions based on these guidelines and thereby insure equitable treatment for all.

The implementation of Subdivision Regulations is an important step for the Town of Easton and will provide needed control, but there are several other areas that need attention. The most important, revising the Zoning Ordinance in order to get rid of some ambiguities and to bring it up to date, will occupy the Board during the coming year. We invite anyone who has an interest in these matters to participate.

Dennis Ford
Kay Colton
Stan Sherburn
Mike Greenwood
Tad Glover (ex officio)

POLICE REPORT

for the year ending December 31, 1980

Requests for police services:
32 complaints of general services requested.

Accidents:
9 involving motor vehicles. Handled through State Police, Sheriff Department & Franconia Police.

Robberies & Break-ins:
7 reported and investigated

Dog complaints:
Unlimited number reported and investigated.

DOGS MUST BE LICENSED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30th if dog is 3 months old or older, and must wear a license tag to comply with NH laws, Chapter 466, R.S.A. The dog(s) must also have rabies vaccination and tag (442-A).

There is a $1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st (466:7). Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of Chapter 466, R.S.A. may FORFEIT as much as $15.00 to the city or town in which the dog is kept (466:13).

THIS LAW WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The police department spent many hours investigating robberies, running after stray dogs and assisting the townspeople, especially the elderly.

Speeding violations BY RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY HIGH on Route 116 and side roads. All of us living in this town should set an example by keeping our speed at the minimum to protect the safety of our residents.

I have worked closely with the Sheriff's Department, the State Police and the police departments of Franconia and Sugar Hill in an effort to have better protection for Easton.

The selectman have been most cooperative, and I have attended their requests to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell W. Silver
Police Chief

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Forest Fire Prevention: Your Business, Our Business, Good Business. Forest fire prevention slogans have been seen in association with Smokey Bear since the late nineteen forties when a national effort to check the spread of forest fires was implemented.

New Hampshire residents recognized that forest fire prevention and suppression was the responsibility of every citizen, a half century before this national campaign, when our legislature established our first forest fire laws in 1903. Since that date, the State has appointed a town/city forest fire warden who is responsible for forest fire law enforcement in his municipality.

All fires kindled out of doors when there is no snow on the ground must be approved in writing by the forest fire warden before being kindled. All forest fires must be suppressed by the warden and his deputies as soon as they are reported. The cost of fire suppression is shared jointly by the town/city and the State of New Hampshire, as are forest fire prevention and forest fire training costs.

This state and local municipality cooperative forest fire program has given New Hampshire one of the best forest fire records in the United States.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS 1980

	No of Fires*	No of Acres**
State	1,226	693
District	20	21½
Town	0	0

* Includes Short Fire Reports
** Includes woods and grass

District Fire Chief — John Q. Ricard

Forest Fire Warden — Durand B. Cooley

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of $400.00 for the care and maintenance of the Kinsman Cemetery.

Flags were placed on seventeen Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

Stones were straightened and a few lots filled and seeded.

The boundary lines of the original cemetery have been established and verified.

There were a total of twenty Trust Funds. Marie Raynor was appointed Trustee of Trust Funds.

Forrest Libby was appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy when Mrs. Helen Young moved.

Anyone having any suggestions or special wishes is asked to contact Mr. Silver, Committee Chairman.

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation	$400.00
Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds	267.66
Paid by Town	247.79
Balance of appropriation not spent	$152.21

EXPENSES

Wendell Silver:	
Labor and equipment including gas and oil	$515.45
Total expenses	$515.45

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Wendell W. Silver
Ruth Towne
Forrest Libby

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
November 7, 1980	George G. Imrie Eleonore W. Morris	Easton, N.H. Easton, N.H.	Cyril Imrie Margaret Wilkinson Donald Goodwin	Paul M. LaDuke Justice of the Peace Whitefield, N.H.

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
April 4, 1980	Genesis Wren Bungo Windrushing Turtleheart Miller	John Miller	Joanne Kenney	N.H.	N.H.

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1980

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
August 8, 1980 Franconia, N.H.	Ilse G. Gerson	79	F	Art Gallery Dealer, Retired	Unknown	Unknown
December 18, 1980	Francis M. Edney	56	M	Carpenter and Painter, Retired	Merton Edney	Ivah Emery

EASTON